

First and Second Grade Summer Reading List

1. Junie B. Jones books by Barbara Park. The much loved, classic adventures of first grader Junie B. Jones.
2. Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary. The first in the series about Ramona. The series touches on a wide range of important subjects, including friendship, job loss, bullies and sibling relationships.
3. Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen by Debbie Michelin Florence. Jasmine WANTS to help her family in making traditional mochi, but she's just too little! Or is she? A book about life in a Japanese-American family.
4. Meet Yasmin! by Saadia Faruqi. The first in a series about Yasmin, a second grader with a lot of problems! Each book focuses on a challenge that Yasmin must solve, and the creative and interesting ways she does just that. So far, there are 10 books in the series.
5. Duck, Duck, Porcupine by Selina Yoon. Similar to Mo Willems' Elephant and Piggie books, (the next on this list,) the short stories in this book are told through pictures and easy-to-read dialogue.
6. Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems. My son's absolute favorite books right now, and he's headed into first grade in August. This series follows the adventures of Gerald, a mild-mannered, careful elephant, and Piggie, a free spirit who likes to go on adventures. The two are best friends. These funny stories teach children about listening to each other, sharing with one another, and what being friends really means.
7. Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke. Set in Africa (country not specified), this short chapter book follows Anna, who lives with her big family in a small village. She takes care of her younger brothers, Double and Trouble. There are 10 books in the series, and each story focuses on a different value, like compassion or friendship.
8. Here's Hank by Henry Winkler. Yep, THAT Henry Winkler. The former acting star writes about his struggles with school and ADHD through the fictional character of Hank, who feels like he just doesn't "fit in" at school. A great series about overcoming challenges and being proud of yourself. We have some of Mr. Winkler's other books, the Hank Zipzer series, also perfect for this age, in the library.
9. Baloney and Friends by Greg Pizzoli. A great graphic novel series for early readers, these books are comic-book in style, with colorful pictures and simple text. There is also a guide to drawing each character at the end of the book!
10. Narwhal and Jelly by Ben Clanton. A hilarious under-the-sea graphic novel series that shows kids the friendship between a happy-go-lucky narwhal and a very serious jellyfish. There are seven books in the series, with more to come.